(c) and (d) A new National Housing & Habitat Policy 2005 is not yet finalized.

Funds for Development Projects

2885. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned financial assistance to the State Governments under the National Self Development Scheme to Undertake various developmental projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any review of the progress of these projects has been done;

(d) if so, the details of the shortcoming noticed; and

(e) the remedial action/steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No such scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Private Participation in Housing

2886. SHRI RASHID ALVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major policy shift to enhance private participation in housing Government plan to allow setting up of mutual funds through which individuals with spare cash can invest in housing and real estate;

(b) if so, whether draft policy has been forwarded to the States for their approval;

(c) whether at present only public sectors HFCs, HUDCO and LIC Housing Finance are allowed to tap low cost funds just like commerical banks;

(d) whether draft policy will also take care of the common man, private players to invest in project that serve all sections of urban society;

(e) if so, whether Government have received approval of the State Governments; and

(f) if so, by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (f) The National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy 2005 is not yet finalized.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Reports and Accounts (2004-2005) of Engineers India Ltd., New Delhi and related papers.

II. Reports and Accounts (2004-05) of various petroleum companies and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts 2004-05 of Oil Industry Development Board, New Delhi and related papers.

IV. MoU (2005-06) between government of India and the Oil India Limited.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): Sir, I lay on the Table

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619(A) of the Companies Act, 1956:

(i) (a) Fortieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Engineers India Limited, (EIL), New Delhi, for the year 2004-2005, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.